



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC,
Merimil Limited Partnership, and
Eagle Creek Kennebec Hydro, LLC

Project No. 2615-054

Notice of Application Accepted For Filing and Soliciting Comments,
Motions to Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Temporary variance of reservoir elevation and minimum flow requirements
- b. Project No.: 2615-054
- c. Date Filed: February 26, 2021
- d. Applicant: Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC, Merimil Limited Partnership, and Eagle Creek Kennebec Hydro, LLC
- e. Name of Project: Brassua Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Moose River in Somerset County, Maine.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 USC 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Jason Seyfried, Brookfield Renewable, 150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240; telephone (207) 312-8323 and email Jason.Seyfried@brookfieldrenewable.com
- i. FERC Contact: Linda Stewart, (202) 502-8184, linda.stewart@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is **30 days** from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via

the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2615-054. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, it must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. Description of Request: Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC, Merimil Limited Partnership, and Eagle Creek Kennebec Hydro, LLC (licensees) request a temporary variance to deviate from the reservoir elevation and minimum flow requirements pursuant to Article 401 of the license. The variance would allow the licensees to draw down the reservoir in order to perform embankment slope remediation work at the dam. The variance would also allow the licensees to modify the minimum flow releases in order to prioritize the salmonid attraction and spawning flows downstream of the project. Because the embankment slope remediation work will require two construction seasons to complete, the licensees propose to draw down the reservoir and modify the minimum flows during the fall of 2021 and the fall of 2022.

l. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “PROTEST”, or “MOTION TO INTERVENE” as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting, or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

DATED: March 19, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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